

CASE PC/4-32727A/FMI US-PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

FRIGERIO ET AL.

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/531,515

35 USC §371 DATE: JUNE 16, 2003

FOR: MODULATION OF S6 KINASE ACTIVITY FOR THE TREATMENT
OF OBESITY

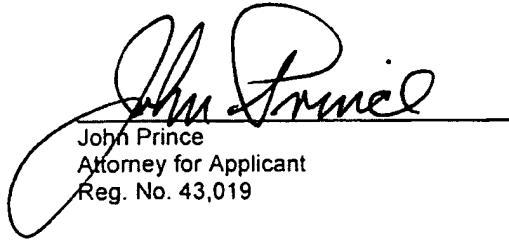
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of May 28, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 28, 2008. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 490 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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